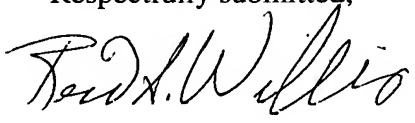
REMARKS

Claims 21-27 and 31-39 are pending in this application. Claims 21-27 have been allowed, Claims 32, 35, and 36 have been rejected, and Claims 33, 34, and 37-39 are objected to. Claims 32 and 34 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claim 32 has been amended to narrow the scope of the Markusch groups that define R1 and R2 and is permissible for this reason. Basis for Claim 34 can be found in the specification on page 9, formula II and lines 9-17.

Claims 32, 35, and 36 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Pestman et al. (Langmuir, 1997). Specifically, the Examiner maintains that Claim 32 reads on a compound where both R1 and R2 are hydrogen. Applicants have addressed this rejection by amending Claim 32 so that R1 and R2 cannot both be hydrogen at the same time. For this reason, Claim 32 is patentable over Pestman et al. Claims 33, 34, and 37-39 are patentable because they are narrower in scope than an allowable claim from which they depend.

For these reasons, Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be granted for Claims 21-27 and 31-39.

Respectfully submitted,



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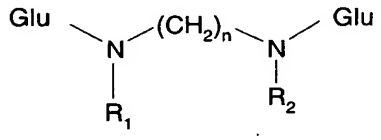
35. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 32 wherein the compound is a gemini compound where R_1 and R_2 are the same and Y_1 and Y_2 are the same.

36. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 35 which has the formula (II):



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wherein Glu is glucose in open chain form (glucitol).

37. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 32 wherein one of R_1 and R_2 is an alkyl group of chain-length $C_{(1-24)}$, and the other of R_1 and R_2 is a $C_{(1-24)}$ alkyl carboxy group.

38. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 32 wherein R_1 and R_2 are carbon chains of 2 to 24 carbon atoms having one or more carbon/carbon double bonds.

39. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 38 wherein the carbon chain has 18 carbon atoms.

40-41 (Canceled)